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SPECTACLE Eyes on news

ASCWU-BOD candidates announced

The following students are running for ASCWU-BOD positions for the 1999-2000 academic year:

President

Kristy Gillespie
Charlie Tu (Wine-In)
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Nick French
Mike Grigg

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Vice President for Equity and Community Service
Tiffany Barr
James Jorgensen

Vice President for Student Life and Facilities

Pete Cummings
Bill Salcedo
Vice President for Clubs and Organizations
Dave Ballard
Mindy Widmyer

Vice President for Political Affairs

Sara Schacht
Bryce Wynn

The primary election scheduled for April 29 has been cancelled. The remaining events include a debate on Tuesday, May 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. in Club Central, a candidate forum on Wednesday, May 5 at noon in the SUB Pin and the general election on Thursday, May 6.

Three names announced for student trustee position

Central students Kyle Alm, Ryan Beckett, and Nick French have been recommended to Gov. Gary Locke as possible student trustee replacements on the BOT when Amy Gillespie's term is up.

White Ribbon Campaign begins

Men speaking out against violence toward women is the message encompassed in the White Ribbon Campaign, April 26-30. Events focused on education and empowerment will be featured throughout the week.

For more information, call the E-Center at 963-2127.

Tae-Bo rocks fitness world



Breanne Jones/Observer

Kickboxing is the newest aerobic class at Central. It is very similar to the famous Tae-Bo workout series and just as popular. Check out the latest craze in Scene Page 8.

Masked flasher returns

by Observer staff

Take heed when walking late at night, as several Central students have met with the campus flasher.

A man has been sighted several times masturbating publicly on-campus. This crime has occurred a total of four times and campus police expect the offender to strike again in the coming weeks.

The first incident occurred on Feb. 24 at 11:45 p.m. on the new mall east of the new Science Building. The offender was spotted a second time on Feb. 27 at 6:55 p.m. between Muzzall Hall and the Courson Conference Center. The

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Education faces NCATE problems

by Noel Siler
Staff reporter

Central's Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) is approaching report card time once again.

National Council for Accreditation of Teaching Education (NCATE) will visit Central April 24-28. The visit, which occurs every seven years, provides the CTL with feedback including needed improvements for continued accreditation.

The CTL is comprised of faculty within three colleges: the College of Education and Professional Studies,

the College of Arts and Humanities and the College of the Sciences. The four CTL programs include: teacher preparation, school administration, school counseling and school psychology.

NCATE's continuing accreditation is important because it affects not only the CTL, but all schools and programs involved with it.

In 1989, the CTL received a failing report from NCATE "indicating the College of Education had so many improvements to make that it was not approved as an accredited school," Associate Dean of the

College of Education and Professional Studies Jack McKay said.

By 1992, the CTL was re-accredited by NCATE but still needed improvements. The report ranged from weaknesses in CTL course syllabi to the improper use of faculty evaluations.

"Most of the areas of weakness NCATE has declared have been addressed by Central," Associate Dean of College of Arts and Humanities Phil Backlund said.

NCATE paid the CTL a "mock visit" in February in preparation for

the actual evaluation of the program. During the visit, the CTL was able to show NCATE the progress and changes made, such as the new building (Black Hall) for higher education.

"NCATE's mock interview in February gave them a chance to see the progress that Central had made since their last visit," McKay said.

NCATE's real visit to the CTL will be for the purpose of continuing

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BOT releases Nelson from contract

by Logan Luft
Asst. news editor

To many, the job of the Board of Trustees (BOT) is about as clear as a chocolate milkshake.

More unclear is what the BOT is doing to help find a new president.

In a meeting last Friday, the BOT agreed to release President Nelson from his contract, allowing him to retire in the year of 2000.

Many are concerned with how the next university president will be selected. BOT Chair Gwen Chaplin



"It serves us not well to get into some kind of contest with the BOT."

—Terry DeVietti

said that alumni, faculty and the ASCWU Board of Directors (BOD) will recommend the new president, but the BOT will make the final selection.

One option, Chaplin said, is to hire an agency to gather a pool of qualified candidates.

Not everyone is in favor of this approach. A group of faculty identi-

fied as "The Concerned Faculty of Central" have already met to discuss faculty involvement in the search.

Members want faculty to be included in the search, but differ in their opinion of what extent they should participate.

Some faculty believe they should be a majority on the search team, while others believe a few representatives would be more effective.

"Time is short," Terry DeVietti

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Campus Cops



April 12, 8:30 a.m.

A person reported a vehicle prowled a Ford Escort in the I-16 parking lot. The window of the car was broken in the entry. A Pioneer CD player valued at \$300 was stolen. The total loss is \$500.

April 12, 8:05 p.m.

A 38-year-old female reported seeing two suspicious males running south from the I-15 parking lot. The witness noticed a GMC Jimmy had a broken window. The witness described the suspects as being between 14 and 18 years old. Both were approximately 5'6" and slender with dark hair. The owner of the Jimmy reported that a CD book containing 150 CDs was missing, the center console of the vehicle was damaged, and the window had been broken. The estimated loss is \$2,700.

April 13, 3 p.m.

A Moore Hall student was injured when he fell into the room from his window. The student had locked himself out of his room and was attempting to climb into the room through the window. The student fell four feet onto his bedpost, injuring his collar bone, neck and calf. He was taken to the hospital.

April 13, 11:30 p.m.

A 22-year-old male reported that his jacket was stolen from Nicholson Pavilion while he was participating in intramurals. The victim also reported that his car alarm control was in the jacket and

that he was unable to deactivate his alarm without it.

April 14, 11 p.m.

Police responded to an assault charge in Bouillon Hall. A computer lab assistant called the police after a dispute occurred between him and a student using the lab. The lab assistant said there was a disagreement of the role of the lab assistant and the angry student grabbed the lab assistant by the shirt and shook him. A citation was issued to the student.

April 15, 3:05 p.m.

A 28-year-old employee working in Shaw-Smyser reported that a five-foot cardboard bunny had been stolen from the first floor. The police chief asks that the bunny be returned, and said no questions will be asked.

April 17, 3 a.m.

Police responded to a domestic dispute in Brooklane Village. Police contacted the couple who had been arguing. No violence had occurred. Police asked the couple to be quiet.

April 18, 9:50 p.m.

A 20-year-old female reported a male masturbating in the north east corner of the Science Building. She described the male as wearing a blue fleece jacket and a hood that was not attached to the jacket. He was wearing black shoes but no pants. The subject ran east toward Stevens-Whitney.

FLASHER: He strikes again

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third sighting occurred on April 9 at 2:45 a.m. on the north side of the Stephens-Whitney residence hall near the Ganges. The fourth and latest incident occurred on April 17 at 9:50 p.m. near the area of the first incident. All four witnesses were female students and were alone.

Although the offender has had no physical contact with any witnesses, he spoke to the first witness to call attention to himself.

The campus police have limited information on the offender, and are unable to establish a behavior pattern. The suspect is described as a white male with a tall, slender build and dark hair. He has been seen in a black or blue ski mask, a black jacket, black shoes, and, in some cases, a pair of blue sweat pants. The suspect is approximately 18 years old.

Campus police have labeled this crime as indecent exposure, a crime that is not new to Central. Every

year, two or three incidents occur on campus.

Indecent exposure is defined as "any person who intentionally makes any open and obscene exposure of his person or person of another knowing that such conduct is likely to cause reasonable affront or alarm." The crime is considered a gross misdemeanor, and offenders can be awarded a maximum punishment of one year in jail and/or up to a \$5,000 fine.

The offender has not shown any aggressive behavior toward any of the witnesses. However, campus police are cautioning people from apprehending the suspect. Police predict the perpetrator will resist and may become combative if witnesses attempt to catch him.

Campus police hope to catch the offender through public awareness. Police are trying to build a behavioral pattern by connecting the incidents reported by witnesses. They are having a difficult time establishing a pattern due to the time lapse between

when the incident occurred and when witnesses are reporting the crime.

Many witnesses are surprised by the activity, and either do not report the incident or delay reporting to the police.

"I just didn't think about it. I didn't know if it was a big deal or if he was someone who would cause any harm," one witness said.

Campus police are encouraging all witnesses to contact the police as soon as possible in order to precisely remember the situation and to help in finding the offender. Campus Chief of Police Steve Ritterer said they hope to educate the public about this situation and to protect people from this offender.

"We believe that public cooperation will help us solve this crime," Ritterer said.

Campus police encourage anybody with any additional information concerning this case or the offender to immediately contact Officer Christa Gilland or Officer Arturo Calzadillas at 963-2959.

NCATE: Report arrives in July

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accreditation. After the visit takes place, the NCATE evaluating team will submit reports to the chair of NCATE.

The reports will then be sent to the audit committee of NCATE and

then to Central with an official response in July. From the report, Central can make changes needed to improve the College of Education.

The Washington Association of Colleges of Teacher Education newsletter listed Central as being the school that had the highest placement of newly certified teachers of

any school in the state of Washington.

McKay is confident NCATE's evaluation will reflect his feeling that Central's teacher education program is one of the strongest in the state.

To learn more about NCATE, visit Central's Web site under academics and choose NCATE.

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ACLU defends flag burning

by Angie Dirk
Staff reporter

Walking to class, look up at the top Barge Hall. There flies the American flag, rustling in a breeze. Think back to all the times you have recited the Pledge of Allegiance, sung the national anthem, and...burned the flag?

The First Amendment to the Constitution lists a number of freedoms all Americans are entitled to, including the freedom of speech. In 1990 and 1991, the Supreme Court held the government could not single out flag burning as a criminal offense. The court maintained flag burning is a form of political speech and therefore is protected.

In an effort to supersede the Supreme Court, national lawmakers are proposing an amendment to the Constitution. If successful, burning or desecrating the flag could result in jail time.

The American Civil Liberties Union Student Chapter of Central has recently joined this debate. The group is taking steps to preserve flag burning as a constitutional freedom.

"Freedom of speech has never been incredibly popular with those in control," club President Troy Goracke said.

The ACLU chapter will spread information to students April 21-23 in the SUB. They are asking students to sign protest letters that will be mailed to state legislators. Goracke said he fears ambiguous legislation because it can lead to other problems.

To burn or not to burn? Central students express their opinions on flag burning



It shouldn't be done, ever. When you burn the flag you're burning what many before us have died for.

Jamie Birch, senior
finance major



Everyone has the right to their own opinion. I don't think it hurts anybody...it's disrespectful, but disrespectful isn't illegal.

Jeff Froehlich, freshman
undeclared



I don't think (it should be unconstitutional). I think it's their way of exercising their rights.

Stephanie Meerings, junior
social science major

"This amendment would limit freedom of expression in this country," Goracke said. "Taking away one right can create a slippery slope. It's easy for other rights to fall after it."

Opposition to the ACLU chapter's efforts is expected, but they are not sure from where it will come.

Chair of Military Science Lt. Col. Jeff Duncan sees both sides of the argument.

"What the flag represents is embodied in all of us as individuals," he said. "Burning the flag doesn't change that."

Duncan explained freedom of

speech is only one thing the military defends. On a personal level, Duncan said he isn't sure whether burning the flag should be protected.

Capt. Mark Hall of Army ROTC doesn't understand the motive behind burning the flag. To him, burning the flag is such an old concept, and he dares younger protesters to come up with something different.

"Can't you be more of a leader and come up with a new idea?" Hall said.

Hall also questions why other symbolic objects aren't desecrated. Hall said shooting the Easter Bunny

or slapping Barney make statements just as dramatic as burning Old Glory.

Hall said the argument is tired and old. While he doesn't like the idea of a burning flag, he also doesn't think it should be legally prohibited.

"It's an old battle not worth fighting anymore," Hall said. "I'd hope our government bodies wouldn't waste their time (with the proposed amendment)."

Hall concluded his thoughts by saying personal safety is always more important than any kind of fabric.

BOT: Faculty wants a voice

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said at the last meeting. "It serves us not well to get into some kind of contest with the (BOT)."

Faculty are concerned the board will opt to conduct the search during the summer when a majority of faculty and students are not present, which was one of concerns with the last search.

BOD President Bruce Eklund believes that not only faculty, but students as well, need to be represented in the search.

"The search committee should have students on it," Eklund said, "because we're the interested party. Without students we wouldn't need a president."

The BOT has laid out a time frame for the hiring process, but it still needs to determine how the actual process will unfold.

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Shrinking serial budget irks faculty

by Matt Parretta
Staff reporter

Central's library is facing a budget crisis. The problem isn't budget cuts, but not enough money to meet the rate of inflation.

Since the late 1980s, the cost of serials has increased significantly. The serials department consists of periodicals, journals, trade journals, and magazines. Because of increasing costs of serials, the budget is not meeting the best with what we have.

"I feel bad we can't meet many of their (faculty's) needs," Dr. Gary Lewis, dean of libraries said. "We are doing the best with what we have."

Lewis recently submitted a memorandum explaining his concerns regarding the decline in Central's serial collection. Lewis feels the university has other needs that are tak-

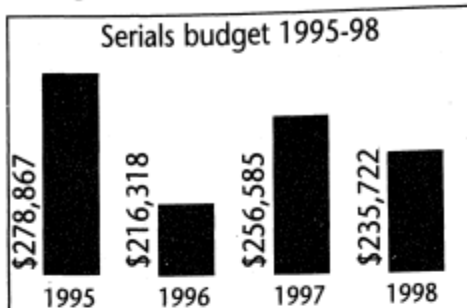
ing away from the serials budget.

Professors' requests for periodicals are being denied as fast as they are requested. Many students and faculty rely on periodicals as a credible source of information. Attitudes have become increasingly negative toward annual budgets for subscriptions, and some believe the problems start at the administration.

"I lay the blame at Burge Hall," James Brown, chair of the political science department said. "It's horrible, they have too much emphasis on technology and not enough on books."

With the decline of serial subscriptions, Central has transferred many titles to on-line forms.

"I like the periodicals being on-line, they are easy to access and find what you are looking for," Eric Swenson, a senior in the business administration department said.



Proponents argue online versions only provide a minimal amount of information. Another concern of on-line transferring is the validity of the information presented. Lewis is concerned for students who are new to Internet exploration; many retrieve

false information.

One downside is the high price that comes with the subscriptions. Subscriptions may range from \$5,000 to \$20,000 annually.

Library supporters fear the budget will again be cut later this spring.

Faculty code changes

by Nao Miura
Staff reporter

At a hearing April 7 the Faculty Senate made changes to the Faculty Code.

John Alsosztai-Petheo, chair of the Faculty Senate, said the code is a document covering everything from conditions of faculty employment to promotion and status.

The committee discussed Central's faculty salaries being below average compared to institutions. It also covered salary inequity within Central. With inflation, the salaries of those who have been at Central longer have fallen behind.

"The legislature is not giving us very much money for salary increases," Chair of the code committee Beverly Heckart said.

The committee suggested a new code requiring administration to submit an annual report on faculty salary bases and full accounting of all state funds for faculty salaries. Committee member David Majsterek said this decision was significant.

"It is an attempt to get the administration to inform us," Heckart said, "and also we are trying to prevent money appropriated for salaries being used for other things."

The new code comes into effect fall 1999 if the Board of Trustees approves it in June.



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Last week, members of the ASCWU-B.O.D. and other students met with administrators to explore funding options for the proposed student union project. Those present discussed a new student union building combined with Dining Services, at an estimated cost of \$28 million. It was the consensus of the group that this level of funding would be very difficult to secure.

The Services and Activities Fee Committee has allocated \$400,000 per year for the renovation of the current SUB. The S & A Committee has also passed a motion to earmark \$560,000 per year, currently being used to pay for bonds in the housing area. These funds would be used after the housing bonds are paid off. The group further discussed the potential for additional funding relief coming from operational savings and revenue development as a result of a combined facility.

Despite the monies defined by S & A and shared savings, it appears that an additional \$1 million per year needs to be identified to accomplish this project. The ASCWU Board of Directors will meet Thursday, April 22, to discuss a variety of funding options, and expects to make a decision whether or not to continue with the new combined option.

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Wednesday, May 5: Noon, SUB Pit

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Thursday, May 6

Preliminary results posted by midnight

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(a write-in candidate has filed)

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Mike Grigg

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ASCWU-B.O.D.

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Observance

Locke's hired gun

Whether we like it or not, one of Central's new trustees, Jay Reich, is a very close confidant of Gov. Gary Locke. Reich worked with Locke in the 1970s as deputy prosecutors under then King County Prosecutor Chris Bayley. Reich's close relationship with Locke led to him being named the chairman of Locke's 1996 campaign steering committee. The man is connected. As a bond lawyer, Reich made news two years ago with his opinion that it was legal for King County to sell bonds to support the Safeco Field construction.

After Locke was elected governor, the Seattle Times ran a story about Locke's closest advisers. Reich topped its list. According to the Times, "Reich is admired by Locke for his analytical brilliance and ability to devise strategies for dealing with complex problems."

Well, he's gonna need it. In the face of all the problems on campus, Reich has joined a board whose majority have only been trustees for little more than a year. Depending on how you look at things, that could be good or bad. At their last meeting, trustees repeatedly said they were going to try not to make the same mistakes as the board who hired President Nelson. Hiring Nelson was not the mistake, the hiring process used was the mistake.

One positive aspect of having a close adviser of the governor as a trustee is that Reich might bring a realistic picture to the board of what is going on in Olympia. If he had been appointed sooner, we might not have had as big of a communication breakdown between Central and Olympia over Hertz Hall funding.

It might also be better to have an attorney on the board to help interpret state laws. Of course, Reich's Harvard background seems to be in contrast to our regional university status.

Looking back, Central's trustees picked Nelson to be their hired gun in 1992. In 1999, it looks like Reich was appointed as the governor's hired gun.

—Tom Stanton



A SUDDEN ADVANCE IN SKILLS TAKE THE STAFF BY SURPRISE.

LETTERS

Debate participant restates his point

I could not help but be amused by Ben Tamburro's letter and Prof. Fuentes' editorial about the April 6 debate between myself and Prof. Fuentes. Both asserted that my position had been demolished: that there is no such thing as race and that therefore there can be no racial differences in intelligence.

What we call the different groups makes no difference. If Prof. Fuentes wants to call them "social races" then let us call them that. There is hardly any disagreement in this country as to who is black, white, Asian, etc., and the differences that distinguish them are obviously biological. There are also well established group differences in ability and achievement. Ever since the beginning of wide-spread intelligence testing at the time of the First World War there has been a consistent 15 point difference in IQ scores between blacks and whites, as well as equivalent differences in professional success. The evidence is overwhelming that these differ-

ences which have persisted despite great social change in the United States have biological rather than environmental origins.

On average blacks have smaller brains than whites, and their brains

"There are also well established group differences in ability and achievement."

—Jared Taylor

metabolize glucose less efficiently. When images are flashed on screens for very brief intervals blacks, on average, require more time than whites to determine what the images are. Performance on tests of this kind correlates highly with measured IQ, and represents direct, physiological assessment of brain function. (By all of these measures, including IQ scores, northern

Asians perform better, on average, than whites.)

At the same time, intelligence is highly heritable. Identical twins separated at birth and reared in different households have very close IQ scores and eerily similar professions, hobbies, and socio-economic status. They are far closer to each other in these respects than fraternal twins reared in the same household which is about as close to having the identical environment as is humanly possible.

There is a great deal more evidence differences in reversion to the mean, inbreeding depression, trans-racial adoption studies, etc. that suggest the differences in achievement of "social races" are of genetic origin, just as are many of the differences between individuals. Quibbling about the definition of race has no effect on those differences.

Jared Taylor
Editor, "American Renaissance"

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LETTERS

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Coverage did not convey true events of debate

I was quite disappointed in coverage of "The Great Debate." There were several points in the coverage which were very unbalanced.

To begin with, the picture on the front page does not convey a sense of debate; rather it conveys a distorted sense of power. This photo is very unflattering to our university's professor, as it implies he's not hardly there. On the contrary, it was evident he was definitely there, and prepared.

Secondly, and more importantly, is the biased article. A reader would get the impression the debate was very balanced. As one in attendance, I can say it was evident only one person actually prepared for the debate. Spouting personal rhetoric certainly can inflame people, but it does nothing to prove a point. Dr. Fuentes did use facts and data, ones which have been vigorously researched, tested and proven as accurate.

Mr. Taylor did not "dive into socioeconomic issues." Children living in \$500,000 homes, etc., and talking about the relative "I.Q." of a janitor versus a CEO may be expressing an opinion, but Mr. Taylor presented no data of any kind to substantiate his claims.

For that matter, he failed to answer the most obvious questions which should have been addressed if he claims to be knowledgeable in this area, questions such as "What is your definition of intelligence," a question he asked, but failed to answer, or "What is average?"

There were obvious omissions of statements Mr. Taylor did make. I'm sure many do not consider the statement that African Americans can go back to Africa a particularly enlightening or intelligent comment. Finally, I am certain our many students who are music and art majors would (or should) wonder about someone who indicates that being gifted in either of those areas does not require intelligence. After all, he used an "idiot savant" as the comparative measure for people with those talents. On the other hand, Dr. Fuentes pointed out the crucial need for people to read the information, read it all to make informed choices. None of this was brought out in the article.

Finally, there was so much coverage on the opinion of whether money should have been spent to bring Mr. Taylor here, rather than on the debate itself, it should have been a separate article.

When writing an article which is not destined for the Editorial page, it is important to at least try to keep personal opinion and bias out. It was evident that, in this article, this did not happen.

Peggy Collins
staff and student

White Ribbon Campaign fights against violence toward women

In America last year there were over 527,000 assaults on women. Not only sexual, but also physical assaults, usually perpetrated by a male partner. Sexual assault occurs in the U.S. at a rate of one every 45 seconds. Every minute, every hour, every day. The Federal Bureau of Investigation estimates that one of every eight adult women in the U.S. has been forced to have sex against her will. Do you know 10 women? Chances are that at least one has been raped. It has been estimated that approximately half of the four million homeless people in this country are women and children who have fled abusive relationships.

Near the end of 1991, a handful of men in Canada began to speak out against the violence toward women. They decided to call it the White Ribbon Campaign and chose a white ribbon as the symbol of their opposition to this type of violence. In November of 1992 the White Ribbon Campaign spread to Washington State, beginning with a small group of men in Olympia, Wash. The goals of the White Ribbon Campaign are to reduce men's violence against women, to increase awareness of issues surrounding men's violence, support the work done by women on the issue of men's violence against women, and raise the funds necessary to accomplish these tasks. The White Ribbon Campaign is a campaign of men, aimed at men. White Ribbon works because it is men taking responsibility for ending men's violence.

There are many ways in which men can take part in this campaign, but the first step is to become aware of both the magnitude and the subtlety of the problem. The second is to examine your own behavior. Have you ever threatened your partner, or called her degrading names? Perhaps thrown things during an argument? If so, you may be exhibiting the first stage behavior of a well-defined pattern of escalating violence.

If you are not an abuser, you can still be a part of ending the violence against women. But how may a single person make a difference? Learn to identify and oppose sexual harassment in your school and workplace. Challenge men who use sexist language. Learn why some men are violent. On a personal level, examine your own attitudes and behavior, and if they need changing, take steps in that direction. Another way is choosing to associate with other men who believe violence against women is unacceptable.

During the week of April 26-30 the Center for Student Empowerment, Residence Hall Council, Women's Student Organization, campus police, Wellness Center, and Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault have put together a list of events that will focus on educating and empowering people to take charge of their lives. For further information, or if you really want to get involved, stop by the E-Center in the SUB, Room 218, or call 963-2127 and ask about participating in the White Ribbon Campaign.

Alicia Richardson
E-Center employee

MEETINGS

Thursday, April 15

KITCHEN TABLE TALK
6 p.m., SUB 218; for details, call the E-Center.
NOT UNLIKE TRADITIONAL STUDENTS
4 p.m., SUB 213; for details, call Sandy at 933-3094.
SAFE
5 p.m., SUB 106; for details, call Carola at 963-3213.
SALT COMPANY
8:30 p.m., CMA Church, 14th and B streets.

Friday, April 16

BOOKS FOR BREAKFAST
8 a.m., Mt. Stuart Elementary; for details, call Lotinda at 963-1643.
CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY "MOVIE NIGHT"
7 p.m., 706 N. Sprague at the CCM House; for more information, call 925-3043.

Monday, April 19

ASSOCIATION FOR COMPUTING MACHINERY
6 p.m., Hebel 121; for information, call 963-1428.
CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY
7 p.m., 706 N. Sprague at the CCM House.

CHEERS
7 p.m., SUB Chief Owli room.
CIRCLE K
6:00 p.m., SUB 210.
REJOYCE IN JESUS CAMPUS FELLOWSHIP
6:30 p.m., SUB Yakama room.
SWINGCATS
7 p.m., SUB Ballroom.

Tuesday, April 20

CHI ALPHA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
7 p.m., Mary Grupe Center.
TOURNAMENT TUESDAYS
All day, SUB Games Room.

Wednesday, April 21

BLACK STUDENT UNION
6 p.m., SUB Chief Owli room.
CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST'S "REAL LIFE"
7 p.m., Mary Grupe Center.
CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY
7 p.m., 706 N. Sprague.
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6 p.m., Barto Lounge.

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SCENE

QUOTES OF THE DAY

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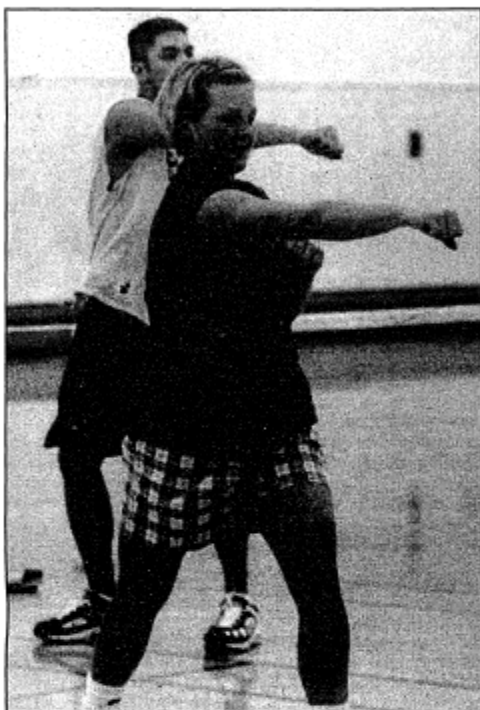
—F. Scott Fitzgerald

"For those who put pen to paper do so because they rarely trust their own voices, and, indeed in society have little to say."

—Anita Brookner

Central students, Aimee Gibson and Neil Delacruz punch, kick and sweat their way to fitness in Central's kickboxing aerobics class. The class is new to Central's P.E. curriculum this quarter and so far has proven to be very popular among students. Kickboxing combines self-defense techniques with an intense aerobic workout. The workout is unique in that it not only provides a physical workout, but it allows students to learn something and gain a sense of empowerment.

Breanne Jones/Observer



Students fight their way to physical fitness

by Roslyn Biggs
Asst. Scene editor

In recent years, fitness trends have become almost as unpredictable as natural disasters. However, the newest aerobic craze enveloping fitness fanatics may possess the staying power to resist finding its place atop the Thighmasters and AbFlexes of yesteryears.

Kickboxing, and more specifically Tae-Bo, has just about everyone everywhere as excited about exercise as they may ever be.

The workout combines self-defense and boxing techniques into an amazingly intense and empowering exercise.

"It's probably harder than other aerobics classes because you're utilizing different muscles," Nicole Harter, kickboxing instructor, said. "Not only

do you get a cardio workout, but you're learning something about self defense also."

While kickboxing has been around for ages, its popularity was minimal until seven-time World Martial Arts Champion, Billy Blanks, discovered its marketing potential. Blanks developed his own routine and created the official Tae-Bo workout tapes.

All it took was a few infomercials and a number of celebrity endorsements for the tapes to take off, making Blanks a well-known man around the fitness world. As the program began to catch on, word spread of its effectiveness and in less than a year, Tae-Bo has become the catchy fitness word on the street.

See Kickboxing, Page 10

Central alum lights up Spurgeon

by Stephanie Barnett
Staff reporter

Sometimes art is difficult to understand. Sometimes it's not supposed to be understood. Sometimes art is just meant to be appreciated.

Robert Edward "Ned" Behnke's paintings express no particular message; however, one thing is clear, they exude an indescribable beauty.

"Ned was always alert to beautiful things," his mother, Sally Behnke, said. "As a young boy, he'd see bugs and sunsets, artistic things, pretty things, and he'd point them out to us."

During the late '70s and through the '80s Behnke's work was exhibited from coast to coast. He died on March 23, 1989 from AIDS.

The Sarah Spurgeon Art Gallery is exhibiting Behnke's life work in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of his death. He was a modern artist who graduated from Central in 1973.

"He had six hot galleries after him while he was still in New York," Professor William Dunning of Central's art department said. "They considered him an early leader of the modern art movement."

The show includes about 25 paintings, arranged chronologically from Behnke's youth to his death.

"We installed the exhibit in a way to inform viewers about a working artist's evolution," Cathy Nisbet,



Margaret King/Observer

Central alum, "Ned" Behnke is currently being featured at Central's Spurgeon Gallery. Behnke was a well-recognized modern artist, who died of AIDS in 1989. His work focuses on pattern in room interiors and often plays with the illusion of space.

assistant director of the Spurgeon Art Gallery, said.

The exhibit reveals Behnke's transition into and continuing interest in pattern. His paintings explore the use of technique to create an illusion of space. Behnke worked primarily with pattern in room interiors, and experimented with contrasted colors, depth and mirrors.

Later, Behnke shifted his focus

from room interiors to nature. With the exception of his last two paintings, pattern remained a constant in his work.

Behnke was born during the '40s in Seattle, Wash., with a hearing impairment. He started painting before he reached his teens and decided to go to Central because it was a small school with a reputation for the arts. At Central, Behnke

worked closely with Dunning.

"I worked with Ned for four years, and it was hard," Dunning said. "But, he was a sweet guy. Nobody didn't like Ned."

Behnke received his master of arts degree from Rochester Institute of Technology in 1976. "Mirror in Back," won an award at the Rochester Finger Lakes Arts Exhibition.

Daughters get their own day

by Daren Schuettepeltz
Scene editor

In an attempt to expose girls (aged nine to 15) to the many options for careers, the Center for Student Empowerment will be hosting "Taking Our Daughters to Work Day."

"Young children see traditional roles and then they think that's all there is available to them," Katrina Whitney, director of the E-center, said.

The program has been sponsored by the E-center for the past several years. The focus of the event is to concentrate on girls and use the event to raise self-esteem.

Whitney said these early years are when women are in their most formative stages.

Members of the E-center will help give tours to the girls who attend. The idea is to showcase positive female role models in college.

"They will be able to go around with the girls and show them all the different fields of study open to them," Whitney said.

The program will go all day.

Prof leads students to another world

by Daren Schuetz
Scene editor

Everyday, people complain about not having anything to do at Central. They say the town is boring and drinking is the only relief. Central has been fighting back with professors who will take students, not only out of the area, but also out of the country.

One such member of Central's faculty is Scott Brady, who can be found working in the geography department. Brady has been at Central for almost two years since moving here from Louisiana. He has already established his own niche at Central.

DS: What other exciting or memorable jobs have you held besides teaching?

SB: I did mostly grunt work other than teaching. Oh, I know! I was a firefighter one summer in southern California. I was cutting fire lines for the Forest Service. The rest of the jobs were pumping gas, cleaning apartments and tutoring high school kids, but those were temporary jobs.

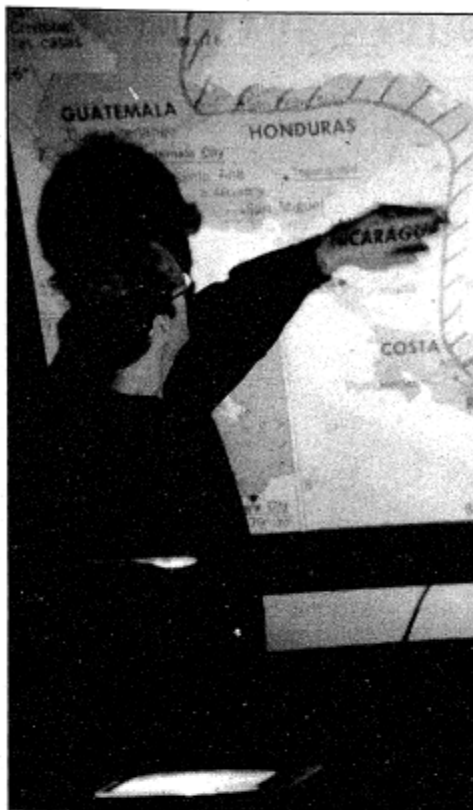
DS: You take students to Honduras. Why is that?

SB: My major professor at LSU established a tradition there of getting students into his study area by taking them on a field study. I went to Honduras six times with him. He was the first person to take me down there, and I thought it was a great experience. Sometimes there were 16 of us cramming on buses or into minivans to go and study geography.

It was a different kind of mentor relationship though, because he was getting sick just like us. I decided I wanted to do the same thing wherever I ended up working. Fortunately this department has a strong field orientation. So basically I'm copying my major professor. I like the way he did it, and I want to do it the same way.

DS: Why are you so fascinated with Middle (Central) America?

SB: Because I'm cheap, and I can live very cheaply there. At the same time I like dramatic physical landscapes. In Honduras you can see volcanic cones, upland plains, sandy beaches all in a fairly small geo-



Amy Jensen/Observer

Students have the opportunity to travel to Honduras with geography professor Scott Brady to earn Central credit.

graphic area.

DS: What was the most bizarre thing to happen to you in Middle America?

SB: I can't think of anything that was bizarre because I kind of expect most of the things I see. Now fun experiences: There is dancing with Garifuna Carib Indians at wakes. It's a big deal. You dance all night and drink rum to celebrate a recent death. The Carib live on the north coast, and they teach you the dances. They ask

you to honor them by dancing and celebrating this person's life.

Hitchhiking experiences are always fun. You're often picked up because you can push the car. Regularly they don't charge you, even if you're a gringo. If they do charge, they charge you the same rate they'd charge a Honduran and I still can't figure that out.

DS: What precautions do you take against diseases in the area?

SB: I'm not real good about that. I tell my students to go to the CDC

"It's a big deal. You dance all night and drink rum to celebrate a recent death."

—Scott Brady

(Center for Disease Control) Web site, but I just carry Imodium with me.

DS: What do you think the effects of Hurricane Mitch will have on this year's trip?

SB: It's added a lot of uncertainty. The infrastructure was destroyed, and that's not an overstatement. More than 90 percent of the bridges have been wiped out, and I haven't been able to find a source that tracks the reconstruction so I don't know what connections we'll be making. I do have some information from a Web site that my field area didn't feel the brunt of Mitch. There were maybe one or two deaths and not many of the structures were damaged. Their road, the main artery to civilized Honduras, was washed out and I don't know how the operation's been going.

DS: Do you ever get tired of going to the same place year after year?

SB: Yeah, I don't think I'll go back to the same spot. I think students enjoy it, but we'll see. I'm looking at the possibility of long term research. At the same time, there are many other environments in Honduras to go to and to bring students to. I'm tempted to go to other areas and I'll probably know after this trip.

DS: How long do you plan to keep taking students to Honduras?

SB: As long as I'm here, and students are interested.

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TAKE YOUR DAUGHTER TO WORK DAY

Workers are encouraged to take their daughters to work today. The day is designed to open doors for women in the workplace.

PHYSICS LECTURE EXPLORES METAL

Caleb Arrington will present a lecture entitled, "Probing the Structures of Gas Phase Metal Clusters." The lecture will begin at 4 p.m. in Lind Hall, room 215.

Friday, April 23

VIDEMUS VIDEO SERIES BEGINS

The Videmus film series begins today. The first documentary is "Original Documentaries" by Les Blank. The New York Times has said Blank is a "documentarian of folk cultures who transforms anthropology into art." It will play in the new science building at 7 p.m. in room 147.

BEGINNING HTML WORKSHOP

Learn to build Web pages using Microsoft FrontPage, Microsoft Word and Windows Notepad. This workshop takes place in Hebel 209 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 24

VIDEMUS CONTINUES THROUGH WEEKEND

"Crumb" will be presented by Agustin Fuentes and Devi Snively. The film will be shown at 7 p.m. in room 147 of the new Science Building.

TSUNAMI OF SERVICE CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY

Tsunami of Service and Ellensburg's "kid crew" will be celebrating Arbor Day with activities at Irene Rinehart park beginning at 10:00 a.m. The events will be followed with a luau barbeque from 11:30-1:00.

Sunday, April 25

VIDEMUS SERIES SHOWCASES CUBAN FILM

Javier Martinez de Velasco will present "Guantanamo" at 7 p.m. in room 147 of the new Science Building.

Monday, April 26

"WHY DID JOHNNY RED AND BILLY YANK FIGHT SO HARD?" LECTURE

Bertram Wyatt-Brown, educator and author, will be speaking in the Grupe Conference Center (the little round room next to Black) at 7 p.m. He will assess the military effectiveness and motivation of Civil War soldiers through ideas such as unionism, secession, honor, home and country.

POETRY READING

At 7:30 p.m. William C. Olsen will share his poetry in Michaelsen 103. Olsen, an instructor at Western Michigan University, has published two books and received awards including a National Poetry Series award.

VIDEMUS SERIES PRESENTS "DUCK SOUP"

Jim Cadello will present "Duck Soup" at 7 p.m. in room 147 of the new Science Building.

Tuesday, April 27

VIDEMUS FILM SERIES HIGHLIGHTS U.K. MOVIE

"Before the Rain," directed by Milcho Manchevski will be presented by Duncan Perry of graduate studies and history in room 147 of the new Science Building.

Wednesday, April 28

BATTLE OF THE BANDS DEADLINE

Demo tapes for the "Battle of the Bands" are due at KCWU by 5 p.m.

VIDEMUS FILM BY CHINESE DIRECTOR

"Ju Dou" will be shown at 7 p.m. in room 147 of the new Science Building.

Volunteers make waves at Central



Daren Schuettelpelz/Observer

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TAE-BO: Craze attacks Central

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The Tae-Bo video set continues to occupy the top spot on video sales charts around the country.

The workout is especially popular among women, who like the fact they are learning self-defense while getting in shape.

However, men are also jumping on the Tae-Bo bandwagon in record numbers, as they realize the physical benefits it offers. Shaquille O'Neal and Sinbad are among the male celebrities who have made Tae-Bo a part of their daily routines.

"It makes you sweat a lot more than other workouts," Katie Heye, a freshman enrolled in Central's kickboxing class, said. "You work every muscle in your body."

For \$60, one can purchase the complete set of Tae-Bo workout tapes. This includes an instructional video, eight minute workout, basic workout, and advanced workout.

Since the average "starving college student" may have a difficult time shelling out \$60 for a few fitness videos, other options do exist.

The kickboxing class, which maintains many of the same principles as the Tae-Bo routine, is offered through the Central physical education department. In addition, both The Gym and Hans' Gym also have classes available.

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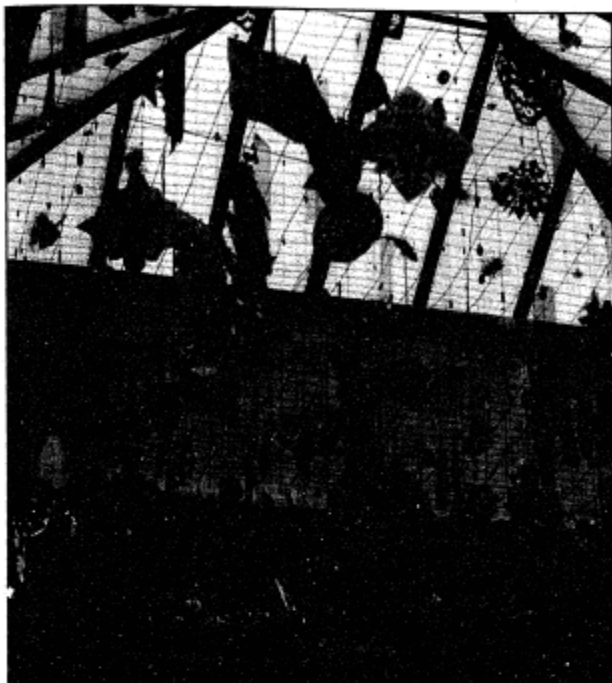
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'bRaindrops' drip from skylight



Amy Jensen/Observer

"Raindrops" of various sizes, shapes and colors decorate the ceiling of Gallery One as part of the "bRAINSTORM" exhibit. The project was developed to encourage area residents to become actively involved in creating art that the entire community could enjoy.

by Stephanie Barnett
Staff reporter

It pours, drizzles, thunders and sprinkles, but hasn't drenched anyone yet. Gallery One's "bRainstorm" is Ellensburg's very own community art creation.

The "bRainstorm" cascades from the skylight in the Gallery One atrium. From the ceiling, it hangs 15 feet. Each of the 1,646 "raindrops" dangle from strings, creating a storm people can walk through without using an umbrella.

"bRainstorm" has gathered a community of people who do not know each other," Mary Frances, Gallery One's director, said. "It has pulled lawyers, teachers, farmers, students, seniors, professors, professional artists, school children, art patrons, poets and more together in one project that starts to touch on the diversity in our community."

The idea for the storm developed after Frances challenged Annie Agars, a local artist, to fill the atrium with something that would play with the light from the existing skylight which arcs above the foyer.

Frances wanted the community to be able to interact with the display and even suggested they help make the piece. Agars and Frances first titled their brainstorm the "Rainstorm."

Frances searched for sponsors while Agars presented the idea to the Kittitas County Community.

Participants could use any materials as long as they were blue, silver, clear or white. Since the storm hangs from a 10 by 11-foot wire grid, none of the raindrops could be very heavy. The guidelines indicated each drop must be smaller than a hand and lighter than a spoon.

Using clay, paper, ribbon, and glass, individuals made their own interpretation of earthbound water. Though not everyone followed the guidelines in creating their designs, every drop was hung.

Soon, the title changed from "Rainstorm" to the community's "bRainstorm."

"The individual voices of the 'bRainstorm' come together and just sing," Agars said.

Members of the community devoted countless hours to this project. From start to finish, the installation involved almost 500 people. More than 400 people made the raindrops while at least 20 strung them on the 258 cords.

The people involved included individuals and business sponsors who helped transform the idea into reality.

The project was unveiled on March 5, 1999. Even with a seven week deadline, Agars said the project was "a joy to watch unfold."

"I loved seeing the reactions of people interacting with the installation whether it was someone making a raindrop, helping to install, or coming to view it. People seemed truly enthralled," Agars said.

Gallery One employee Dorothy Louis said she thinks there has been an increase in patronage because of the display.

"I think this installation has drawn more people to the gallery than any other display. It's even brought people in who didn't know the gallery existed," Louis said. "It's one of those things that woke people up, and made them more aware of the arts in Ellensburg."

The "bRainstorm" will be shown in Gallery One through April 30. After it is un-installed, local artists can either take their raindrops home or send them to local classrooms.

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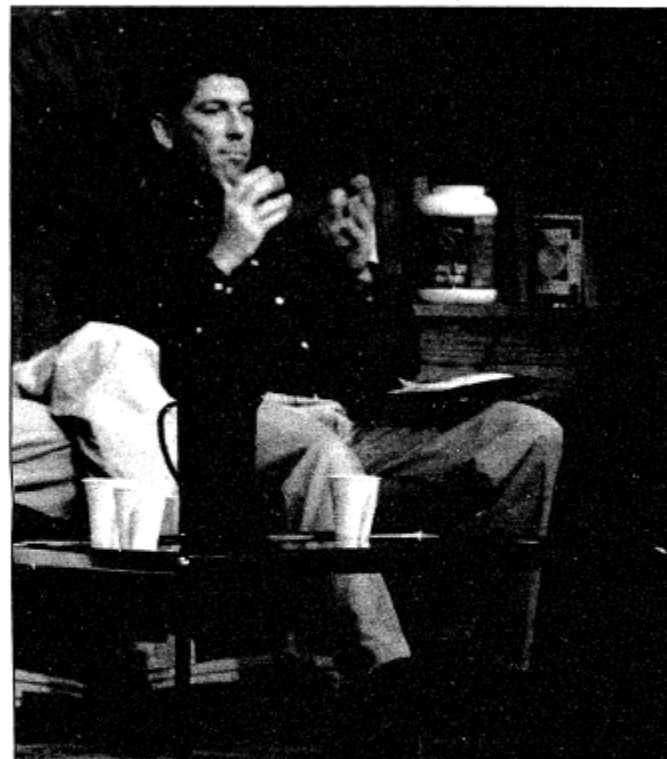
Wildcat Sports Calendar

Baseball: Saturday at University of British Columbia — 2 p.m., doubleheader; Sunday at University of British Columbia — noon, doubleheader

Softball: Saturday at Humboldt State — noon, doubleheader; April 26 at Western Oregon University — TBA, doubleheader

Track and Field: Spike Arlt Invitational — 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Tomlinson Field

Forum tackles drugs in sports



Breanne Jones/Observer

Powerlifter Mike Douglas discusses the negative effects anabolic steroids had on his body. Due to his abuse, Douglas is battling acute liver failure.

by Wendy Roberts
Staff reporter

Last Tuesday night at the Christian Missionary Alliance Church, Director of Health Education Ken Briggs and four senior health education students, Kelly McManus, Larry and Dara Binford and Alishia Ullom, held a public forum on performance enhancing substances.

Four athletic professionals gathered to discuss the topic. Yakima Sun Kings nutritionist and Central nutrition professor Dr. David Gee, Central's men's assistant basketball coach Mike Burns, Seattle Seahawk offensive lineman Brian Habib and former powerlifter Mike Douglas spoke about their opinions on the different types of sport supplements prevalent in college and professional sports.

The forum was set up in a talk show format. Each speaker was asked a variety of questions from Briggs. After each speaker the mic was opened to the audience for questions.

"I do not like or use performance enhancing drugs," Habib said. "I experimented with creatine for six weeks and I had too many muscle cramps."

The forum provided information concerning the dangers of performance enhancing drugs and supplements.

Many different types of drugs were discussed, from anabolic steroids to the newest fat supplements and protein powders. All four guests spoke of their own experiences and ideas about drugs in sports.

Douglas gave an emotional talk about his addiction to anabolic steroids.

The overuse of anabolic steroids has left him with acute liver failure.

"Dr. Briggs did an outstanding job bringing in different viewpoints and aspects from the four panel members," Burns said.

Track battles at UPS

by Steve Griffith
Staff reporter

Sara Lind slaughtered the competition and qualified for the NCAA Division II provincial at the 17th annual Shorwell Invitational track-and-field meet Saturday at Baker Stadium. Lind sent a javelin 134 feet to claim the first place victory.

Lind's javelin throw beat the national standard by nearly six inches and was the fourth best javelin throw in Central's history. She joins teammate Tony Hobbs as the only Central team members to qualify for the NCAA championships. Lind was the only Central women's team champ at the meet.

The women would fall short taking fifth with a score of 58 on the day.

Men's champions were Chris Faulconer in the 100 meter finishing at 10.70 with teammate Chris Courtney finishing two one-hundredths of a second behind at 10.72. Hobbs won the discus with a 165-6 throw and came in third in the shot put with a put of 50-1-3/4.

The competition proved to be tough as the men finished third with a score of 107 behind Highline Community College (110) and Pacific Lutheran (124).

"Hey, it's tough, but it's exciting to be on a team with so many talented and hard-working athletes," sophomore Dane Estes said. "It's cool that we can go out every weekend and compete on the NCAA level."

Tony Butoric launched himself through the air 42-10 1/4 in the triple jump to claim first place. He also took third in the long jump with a leap of 20-10.

Josh DeLay, Faulconer, Kale Sauer and Courtney won the 4x100 relay with a season best time of 41.69. Their time was the seventh best in school history.

The Wildcat track team will host its only home meet of the season with the Spike Arlt Invitational at 10:30 a.m. this Saturday at Tomlinson Field.

Central sweeps UPS, falls to Saints

by Jason Leavitt
Staff reporter

After starting the week off on a positive note with a doubleheader sweep over the University of Puget Sound, Central faltered to go 1-3 last weekend against St. Martin's.

The Wildcats blew away their opposition in the first game against UPS. Senior Scott Earle went five innings, limiting the Loggers to just three hits and two earned runs, as Central won 13-3.

"Every time he (Earle) steps out there on the mound, we have a chance to win the ball game," catcher Ryan Greear said. "He's thrown great in all of his outings and is just a great all around pitcher."

Greear provided Earle not only with a pitching target but with run support as well. He drove in three runs with a sacrifice fly, a double and a single.

"I think I did alright, I had been

struggling at the plate lately, but I was happy to contribute to the win," Greear said.

In the second game, UPS made it interesting. The Loggers capitalized on seven Wildcat errors. Outfielder Tom Ammerman threw out UPS's Ryan Kimura at the plate in the seventh inning to preserve the win.

"The sun was setting and there was no way to see the ball, but Tom's throw was right on the money and got the runner at home," pitcher Justin Fairbanks said.

Kimura was part of a successful double steal and was trying to score the tying run when the throw to third went into the outfield. Ammerman picked up the ball and threw a bullet to nail Kimura at the plate.

Starter Josh Clark picked up his second win of the season, pitching four innings and striking out five.



Angela Barbre/Observer

Pitcher Justin Fairbanks earned the only win in the Wildcats four-game series with St. Martin's.

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Central goes 1-3 with Vikings and Saints



Breanne Jones/Observer

First baseman Viki Wenzel smacked two home runs against the Vikings last Thursday. Wenzel recorded her 13th career round-tripper in the sixth inning. Western swept the doubleheader, 7-4, 2-1 despite Wenzel's batting performance. The Wildcats went on to split with St. Martin's last Saturday at home.

by Mike Wells
Staff reporter

After dropping the first game of a doubleheader against St. Martin's 4-2 last weekend, the women's softball team got a spark from an unsung heroine. Junior outfielder Erin Strawder's hitting helped Central earn a split by defeating the Saints 10-2 in the second game last weekend.

The only good thing that happened for Central in the first game was senior first baseman Viki Wenzel getting within four RBI's of breaking her own single season record of 22.

"We knew we should have won the first game, we just couldn't capitalize when we had the opportunities," third baseman Nikki Bahr said.

The second game of the twin bill was a different story.

Strawder was the big "cat" with a big bat at the plate. Strawder went 4-for-4 with three runs and three RBI's.

"We needed a big performance from the top of the line-up and Erin gave us that performance," assistant coach Jon Sharpenberg said.

Besides pitching the shortened complete game and earning her third win of the season, junior Kaci Bridges helped out her own cause by

going 2-for-2 at the plate.

"We used a different approach at the plate," Sharpenberg said. "We came out a lot more aggressive."

While piling up 15 hits, Central scored in every inning and with the exception of two players, every

Wildcat got at least one hit.

By scoring one run and getting two hits in the second game, Wenzel broke the career runs scored (45) and tied the career hits mark (98) held by

former Wildcat Julie Majeski.

Central travels down to California to take on the number one ranked Humboldt State Lumberjacks on Saturday.

"To beat Humboldt, we have to continue our aggressiveness at the plate and attack their pitchers," Sharpenberg said.

The Wildcats will then head to Monmouth, Ore., to face the Western Oregon University Wolves on April 26. Central's next home game will be a doubleheader at noon on May 2 with a rematch against Humboldt State.

The Lumberjacks are 7-4 in the PacWest Conference, while both Western Oregon and Central are at 2-10.

The Wildcats are now 11-20 on the season.

"We used a different approach at the plate."

— Jon Sharpenberg

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Off-season teams meet and work out

by Becki Matzen
Staff reporter

College athletes put in a lot of hours practicing not only during the season, but in the off-season as well.

Even though sports such as soccer and volleyball compete in the fall, the athletes are putting in hours of hard work in both the winter and spring.

Basketball players start their season in September and finish in March, but condition and do skill work during the spring to keep in shape.

"During the spring we have the time to work on our individual skills without having to deal with all the other stuff that goes on during the regular season," freshman soccer player Emily Barber said.

Soccer meets as a team three days a week to lift weights, condition, and then attend a study session. They are also expected to do skill work and conditioning on their own, two times a week.

The volleyball team lifts weights and practices on Mondays and Wednesdays, then conditions and practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Fridays they are expected to lift on their own.

The women's basketball team meets two days a week to lift weights and condition, and they do jump training and scrimmage two times a week. They are also expected to lift weights on their own on Fridays.

Unlike basketball, which only has one traditional season, soccer and

volleyball have two. For the year they are allowed a total of 132 days to practice. Whatever they don't use during their fall season, they use in the spring. NCAA rules allow the coaches to work with the players even when the sport is not in season.

"I try to make sure our spring is totally separate from the fall. We don't want to burn the kids out," soccer head coach Jerrod Fleury said.

The rules for basketball are different. The head coach is not allowed to have any contact with their players during practice sessions.

During the off-season training times, recruits will often come and play with the teams for a day. The NCAA rules say recruits can only be on campus for 48 hours.

"We can do individual sessions of fundamentals on the court, and that is all," women's basketball head coach Jeff Whitney said.

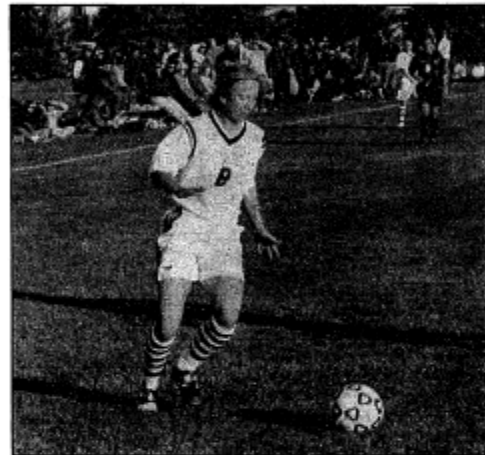
The hours these athletes put in during the off-season are often the most beneficial for the upcoming year.

It is in the off-season most athletes improve. Speed, strength, endurance and mental toughness are things coaches are looking for their teams to improve on.

"To be a competitive team in the NCAA off-season training is crucial," freshman basketball player Jenny Dixon said. "Every year we need to be just a little bit stronger and little bit faster so that we can be a national championship team."



Angela Barbre/Observer



Observer file photo

(Above) Central's volleyball squad warms up for one of their off-season practices held last week. (Left) Women's soccer is another fall season sport that is preparing for the upcoming year of competition during the spring. Football, men's and women's basketball and wrestling are among the other out-of-season sports that practice and/or compete with other schools during the spring season. Because of new NCAA rules, practice times are more limited this year.

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CWU: 'Cats go 3-3

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After returning to Ellensburg with the sweep under their belts, Central faced St. Martin's in a four game series.

Fairbanks picked up the only victory of the weekend, beating the Saints 2-1. Fairbanks pitched into the sixth inning, allowing five hits and an unearned run. Earle came in and saved his second game of the season after Fairbanks was pulled.

"I did pretty well I think, I was able to keep them off balance for the most part," Fairbanks said. "It was a close game and we played some pretty good defense, but they weren't hitting the ball that hard so that made it easier."

The Saints defeated the Wildcats on Saturday 5-3.

Sunday brought about a marquee pitching matchup, with Earle pitted against St. Martin's Dave Hoffert. Hoffert quieted Central's bats, tossing a three-hit shutout. Earle pitched well despite losing his third decision of the season to drop his record to 7-3.

The final game of the series proved to be the toughest loss.

The Wildcats had the lead going into the seventh, but Brian Amendala singled in the tying run and later scored the winning run when the ball skipped past Greear.

"It was frustrating, we just couldn't get the runs across," Fairbanks said. "Josh pitched a heckuva game. It was pretty intense, we were jawing back and forth with their team, and it would have been nice to get the win."

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